

any comment on the delay of the judgement by the Supreme Court.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANJAY LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Minister has stated in his reply that under the Act of 1966 children below the age of fourteen years can not be employed. But in Bidi Industry in Bihar boys of the age of eight to ten years are also employed. Is there any Government monitoring agency to check it.

[*English*]

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, employment of children is not prohibited everywhere. The employment of children is prohibited only in certain areas where it is hazardous and in the non-hazardous areas, the children are allowed to be employed with certain regulations, certain conditions. So, it is possible that in non-hazardous areas, the children are being given employment.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know if the Government has conducted a survey to find out the number of child labourers presently employed in Bidi Industry. It has been observed that Supreme Court has ordered the ban on child labour yet their conditions are such that they cannot remain jobless as they belong to poor sections of society. So I would like to know if the Government has any plan under consideration wherein those child-labours can get education and earn while they learn.

[*English*]

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, bidi is produced in two ways. One is in the factory and another is in the family, on contract basis. The rolling is done by the families. As far as the factory is concerned, we have prohibited

employment of children in the factories. But as far as home making is concerned, we have allowed the children to help their parents. There are children who are helping their parents in rolling the bidis.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Modifications in Eighth plan Targets

*392. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to modify the targets of the Eighth Five Year Plan in view of the liberalised economic policies;

(b) if so, the fields in which modifications are likely to be effected; and

(c) the precise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan is still under preparation and its targets are yet to be finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Status Paper on Revival of Sick Public Sector Units

*393 SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate status paper has

been prepared on the revival of the sick public sector units and on the performance of coal mines;

(b) if so, the details of each such paper; and

(c) whether these status paper are likely to be discussed in the Tripartite Committee recently constituted by the Government to safeguard the interests of labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):(a) to (c). A monograph prepared by the Department of Pubic Sector Enterprises has already been furnished to the Members of the House by that Department. The aforesaid monograph will also be discussed in the Special Tripartite Committee constituted by the Ministry of Labour to consider the impact of the New Industrial Policy on the problem affecting labour and other related matters and to make appropriate recommendations.

In so far as the status paper on uneconomic coal mines is concerned, the paper has been prepared for consideration in the Consultative Committee of Parliament attached to the Ministry of Coal.

Units of IPCL

*394. SHRI A. PRATAP SAI:
SHRI K. RAMA KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the location of each unit of IPCL in the country at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start some new units of IPCL; and

(c) if so, the site selected therefor, State-wise and the approximate expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN):(a) Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) is having three manufacturing units at Baroda, Gujarat, MGCC, Nagothane, Maharashtra, and Thane, Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) IPCL has proposed to set up six new expansion projects details of which are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Sl.No.	PROJECT	LOCATION	PROPOSED CAPITAL COST (CR.)
1.	Poly Butadiene Rubber Baroda Complex, Gujarat Expansion		149.2
2.	Polypropylene	-do-	198.63
3.	Engineering Plastics	-do-	125.62
4.	Ethylene Expansion	MGCC, Nagothane, Maharashtra	177.58
5.	HDPE Expansion	-do-	158.78
6.	Integrated Gas Cracker Complex	Gandhar, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat	3484.37